GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2272
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DECLARATION OF DISTURBED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have declared some areas in various States as disturbed areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) whether any efforts have been made by the Union Government to improve the law and order situation in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): The entire States of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur, entire areas under 22 Police Stations and partial areas under another 5 Police Stations in Tripura, districts of Tirap and Changlang in Arunachal Pradesh and a 20 kilometer Belt from Assam border in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have been currently declared as disturbed areas in the North East under the provisions of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.

Under the provisions of Armed Forces (Jammu & Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990, the areas falling within 20 kms. of the Line of Control in the districts of Rajouri and Poonch and the entire districts of Anantnag, Baramulla, Badgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Srinagar have also been currently declared as disturbed areas.

(c)&(d): Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the disturbed areas include, interalia, strengthening of border management, neutralizing plans of the militants by proactive action against them in the hinterland, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces ; modernisation / upgradation of State Police forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure; forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as `disturbed areas` and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations`. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action. Government have also renewed their appeal to militant groups to come forward for talks. Government are also committed to speedy economic development of the States concerned.

There is a Cease Fire between the Government of India and NSCN(I/M) in Nagaland since 1.8.97. Talks with the outfit are continuing. There is also a suspension of Operations agreement between the Government of India and the Bodo Liberation Tiger of Assam. Talks with this outfit are also continuing. NSCN(K) has also offered to have a formal Cease Fire with Government of India.